

ESTABLISHED 1845.

TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1916.

\$1.50 PER YEAR.

WHERE THE ROAD MONEY WILL BE SPENT

Road Committee Apportion The Funds—New Bond Issue Recommended in Jeffersonville District For \$96000.00.

We recommend that the road allocated at a mass meeting of Jeffersonville district, one member of the committee being from each of the eight voting precincts, and Mr. A. St. Clair, member of the Tazewell voting precinct being absent, Dr. Isaac Pierce was elected by the members of the committee present.

The committee hereby recommend a bond issue for \$96000.00 and the different roads said \$96000.00 is to be spent on designated and said money is to be spent only for amounts named on roads designated.

We recommend that the road authorities procure convicts if possible.

Signed:—
D. W. Lynch, Benbow. W. T. Correll, Abury's. K. D. R. Harman, North Tazewell. A. B. Beavers, Dry Fork. D. M. Thompson, Thompson Valley. C. P. Harman, Gap Store. J. J. Riley, Crockett's Cove. Isaac Pierce, Tazewell. D. B. Daniel, Chairman Board of Supervisors.

Report of amounts designated for the construction of Macadam roads to be otherwise improved as revised and adopted by the committee appointed for the purpose at a citizens meeting held on the 10th day of January, 1916, for the Jeffersonville Magisterial District of Tazewell County, Virginia:—

Macadam Roads.

1. Railroad Avenue, in the town of Tazewell, beginning at Hopkins' store thence towards J. F. Gillespie's, store \$2500.00.

2. Pine street, in the town of Tazewell, from the lower end of Main street to the Presbyterian church \$1500.00.

3. End of macadam road near Dry Town east to connect with macadam near Five Oaks \$900.00.

4. From end of macadam on Plum Creek up Plum Creek to Scales \$5000.00.

5. From E. P. Moore's to Forks of road near Burkes Garden Crossing \$1500.00.

6. From end of macadam road near M. L. Peery's to forks of road near J. E. Peery's, including bridge across the Clinch River \$3500.00.

7. From end of the macadam road near Augustus Dailey's west to district line \$4000.00.

8. From Burnt School House to Benbow \$2500.00.

9. From gate at Oak place east one-half mile \$1000.00.

10. At end of macadam road, lower Thompson Valley, continuing down Valley \$1000.00.

11. Pisgah west to Maxwell \$2000.00.

12. One-half mile, connecting at Gap Store, on road leading from Gap Store to Sayersville \$1500.00.

13. One-half mile at foot of Jumps of above mentioned road, No. 12 \$1500.00.

14. One-half mile of dirt road from Sayersville to the West Virginia line and macadamize from Sayersville to the half-mile mentioned in No. 13 \$14950.00.

15. From Maxwell to Pisgah \$5000.00.

16. One-half mile from forks near C. H. Harman's on road leading to J. W. Wittens \$1000.00.

17. Dry Town to A. M. Harman's commencing at Dry Town \$3000.00.

18. Healing Springs via forks near J. H. Peery's via Shradors to West Virginia line \$13250.00.

19. To connect above mentioned road (No. 18) with Horsepen Cove road \$3000.00.

20. From Harman church to fork near C. H. Reynolds' commencing at Harman church \$3000.00.

21. From R. P. Buchanan's to branch on C. A. Buchanan's land \$3500.00.

22. From C. H. Reynolds' commencing at end of macadam, to Tom Browns \$2500.00.

23. Three-quarters of a mile, commencing at J. A. Crockett's on road leading to Pisgah \$1400.00.

24. Commencing at bridge at North Tazewell up the river to J. F. Iresons \$600.00.

25. Commencing at railroad bridge in North Tazewell and running east parallel to railroad, front street \$400.00.

26. Tazewell Supply Co's Store to W. W. & R. B. Peery's store \$500.00.

27. Commencing at cattle pens, in North Tazewell, and running east to railroad bridge \$500.00.

Total for macadam as above \$81000.00.

Dirt Roads.

1. From end of lane near D. W. Lynch's crossing mountain to Poor Valley \$6000.00.

2. Commencing at district line in Poor Valley running east \$1500.00.

3. From Asbury's to top of Brushy Mountain \$500.00.

4. From J. B. Witten's to Ed. Thompson's brick horse place \$1500.00.

5. From Rhudy's School House to Maiden Spring line \$1500.00.

6. From Maxwell to Baptist Valley \$1000.00.

7. From Flora May's to Dix Creek \$500.00.
8. Beginning at macadam road west of Scales in Thompson Valley running west \$250.00.
9. Complete road from Pleasant Hill church to Cregar's Mill \$250.00.
Total for dirt roads as above \$13000.00.

Bridges, Etc.

1. Bridge across Clinch River near J. E. Peery's \$2000.00.
Total for all as above is \$96000.00.

GREEN-GILLESPIE.

"Sunnyside," the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Greear, at St. Paul, was the scene of a quite wedding Saturday, January 29, when their daughter, Miss Frances Norvell, was married to Mr. Beraley Shelburne Gillespie. On account of the recent death of the groom's mother the guests were limited to members of the families of the contracting parties and a few relatives.

The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of midnight blue and wore a corsage bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridegroom entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, which was played by the brides cousin, Mrs. J. M. Dickenson. During the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. L. Mullins, of Anderson street church, Bristol, Tenn., the sweet old song, "Believe Me if Those Endearing Young Charms" was softly played.

Miss Francis is the fourth daughter of this family and her marriage took place on the 25th birth day of the eldest son, James N. Greear, Jr., who is a student at the University of Virginia. He and the only brother of the groom, Captain Victor Reese Gillespie, president of the senior class at V. M. I., attended the wedding. Also Dr. Gillespie, father of the groom; little Miss Eleanor Russell, niece of the groom, and Mr. McKinney, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie left on the afternoon train for Tazewell, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Russell for a few days, after which they will go to Claiborne county, Tenn., where the groom is contractor on the State highway.—Lebanon News.

PRUNING DEMONSTRATION

Prof. G. S. Ralston, specialist in fruit growing, will be at Tazewell on Friday, Feb. 18th, to give a demonstration in pruning fruit trees. Several trees in Mr. Shel. Surfaces' orchard will be pruned. Prof. Ralston will also give lectures in connection with his practical work. The work will begin at 10 a. m., and at one p. m.

This is a chance for every farmer who is interested in his home orchard to learn the proper methods of pruning fruit trees.

Remember the date, Friday, Feb. 18.

LIBRARY TO BE OPENED

The library will be opened Saturday, Feb. 12th, at 3:30 p. m., with twenty new volumes, others to be added each month according to the patronage.

The Encyclopedia Britannica will be received at once and installed as soon as possible.

With the addition of the Encyclopedia the subscription will have to be raised to \$2.00 a year. The library will be opened every day from 3:30 to 5 p. m. except Wednesday. Books can be gotten or exchanged anytime during the opening but volumes of the Encyclopedia can be taken out only at the closing hours and must be returned at the opening hour the next day, a penalty of five cents to be imposed if volume is kept out during the time the room is open.

The ladies will do all they can to keep up a good library if the citizens come to their aid. \$2.00 a year is very little more than the cost of one book and for that amount you will have the choice of a large number of books to the latest and best reference work that can be obtained.

All subscriptions to be paid to Mrs. John E. Jackson, treasurer, for the library fund or left at John E. Jackson's drug store.

GRATTON NEWS.

Miss Rosa Burton, is we understand, is engaged in business in Coeburn, while we miss her, we hope she will have a great success.

Mr. Willie Bourne and sisters, Mrs. S. B. Yost and Mrs. Fred Cortney, of Keystone, came up to see their mother, who is seriously ill, she is no better.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Gregory a fine boy, mother and baby are doing fine.

Rev. W. C. Thompson will preach at Concord, a large crowd is expected.

Mrs. W. A. Bourne is improving very slowly from a recent illness. Her many friends are wishing to see her well again.

Mrs. Hamilton Barnett gave a social last week to a number of the young people of this place, quite an enjoyable time was reported by those present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The State Sunday School Convention meets in annual session, in Newport News February 21-23.

A number of noted ministers and Sunday school workers of this and other states, are on the program for addresses. Among the number of great men and women who are to speak will be Marion Lawrence, the best known Sunday school man in the world. Railroads will give reduced rates, and free entertainment is promised for 300 delegates. Tazewell should be represented. Who will go?

READY FOR FIGHT ON CO-ORDINATE COLLEGE

Co-ordinate Educational Bill on Legislative Calendar For Today—Big Fight is Looked For—Others to Report.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 8.—The bill for establishment of a co-ordinate college for women at the University of Virginia was reported by the senate committee on public institutions and education today, and the measure will be on tomorrow's calendar. It is expected that the house committee on schools and colleges will report the same measure tomorrow, and those for and against the measure are marshalling their forces for a determined battle.

TANNERSVILLE

Local and Personal Happening of The Well Known Little Village.

Tannersville, Va., Feb. 7.—The ground hog must have gotten a peep at his shadow. Anyway that is the way that the weather has been telling it ever since.

Mr. J. Newton Rhudy passed thro the valley one day last week enroute to home in Thompson Valley after spending several days in Tenn., and in Washington county. He was accompanied by Mr. J. W. Witten, of Abingdon.

Mrs. Mollie Hatfield after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. T. B. Asbury, of Asberry's has returned to this part of the valley, where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends before returning to her home at MacGrady's Gap.

Mrs. Frank Griffiths, of Little Valley spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor, at Broadford.

Mr. Willie Caldwell accompanied by Mr. Robert Beavers, spent from Saturday till Monday with his aunt, Mrs. Mary Caldwell, at this place.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hill a 10lb boy. Mother and baby are doing well.

Mrs. J. P. Hill, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Raugh, Messrs. Reese Turley and Daisy Hubble who have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Hill during her sickness have returned to their homes in Blind county.

Mrs. W. H. Necessary was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Patrick, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Asbury received a telephone message today stating that their son, Reese, who is attending school at Emory and Henry had been taken to the hospital at Abingdon. The message did not give any particulars. They started at once to his bed side.

Mr. Vance Toller moved his family to their new home in Little Valley, a few days ago.

The school at Laurel Branch is progressing nicely under the management of Mrs. John L. Taylor. The patrons all agree that the terms are not long enough in this district.

Mrs. R. F. Abel, of Asberry's, came down Thursday and stayed till Sunday with her Mother, Mrs. J. P. Holmes.

Mr. A. M. Simons, who had been living on what is known as the "Brooks Place" purchased some time ago by the Holmes boys, sold his household goods at public auction and moved his family to City Point.

Messrs. John and Rush Trail moved into the house vacated by Mr. A. M. Simons.

PLEASE NOTE.

I have rented the mill at North Tazewell from the Star Milling Co., Inc. I am no stranger to the patrons of the Mill as I had charge of the mill about a year ago and as far as I know I didn't have any dissatisfied customers.

Owing to my small capital and small profits I will not be able to do a general credit business and my terms will be cash except to customers who are able to pay their bills when presented.

I know the milling business and I know how to treat my customers and I solicit your patronage. I promise you a square deal in return.

I will conduct the business in the name of Star Milling Co., Inc.

Geo. W. Reedy, North Tazewell, Va.

YOUNG LADY'S ARM BROKEN.

Miss Carine, the 17 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, of Thompson Valley, had the misfortune to get her arm broken a few days ago, by being thrown from a horse.

She with a young sister who was riding behind her, were returning from school, when for some reason known only to the horse, he got gay, reared up and did a few circus stunts throwing the girls off with the result as stated above. Her sister suffered a few bruises and a general shaking up and such a scare as may stop her growth for the rest of the year.

WANTED—SHEEP

To buy Ewes not over 3 years old. Rams not over 2 years old. Delivery after weaning time. Advise description, number and price.

EWING W. LAWSON,

Burkes Garden, Va.

MASONS HONOR MR. JOHN S. BOTTIMORE.

Richmond, Feb. 10. (Special to the News)—John S. Bottimore was elected Grand Junior Deacon on the second ballot, lacking one vote on the first. South-west follows precedent established a quarter of a century ago by the grand old man, George W. Wright. Mr. Bottimore was the recipient of many honors as a fitting tribute to his faithfulness to the cause of the Masonic order.

TAZEWELL LAWYERS IN BIG LAND SUIT.

(Bluefield Telegraph)

Attorneys are in the city to take depositions in the land case of Speery vs. Richie, which has been in the courts since 1897, and which is expected to be heard shortly in the United States court for the southern district of West Virginia. The case involves fifty thousand acres of land in McDowell county, much of which is being developed by coal companies. These coal companies have all employed counsel in the case. Price, represent one side of the controversy, and Barnes Gillespie, J. W. Chapman, of Tazewell, and Malcolm Jackson, of Charleston and M. W. Reynolds, of this county represent the other side. In fact, there are probably a number of other attorneys representing other of the coal companies who are interested in the outcome of the case. As far as could be learned last night five witnesses will be examined here today.

NEWS OF OLD GRATTON

Gratton, Feb. 10.—Rev. Mr. Anderson preached an excellent sermon at Concord Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Bourne, of Bluefield, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Vicie Gilpin.

W. S. Baugh, Miss Lula Gilpin, and Miss Ella Burton attended preaching at Shawvers Mills Sunday morning.

Mrs. W. H. Dunnigan is some better at this writing.

Mrs. W. H. Barnett and daughter, Miss Ruth and L. C. and Berdie Bailey spent Sunday with the former's son, John Barnett, at North Tazewell.

Mrs. W. A. Bourne is improving very slowly, but it is hoped that she will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fox spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Fox's sister, Mrs. L. C. Buchanan.

T. H. Nedermair attended preaching at Shawvers Mills Sunday morning.

L. C. and Berdie Bailey, of Wing N. D., who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Barnett for the past two weeks left Sunday night for Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bird, of Bluefield are visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. Niedermaier.

Mr. Charley Cox made a business trip to Bluefield last week, and reports that trade is good in Bluefield.

Rev. W. C. Thompson will preach at Mt. Olivet Sunday morning. Sunday school promptly at ten o'clock and preaching at eleven o'clock.

There will also be preaching at Concord at three in the afternoon.

THE STIEFF PIANO SELLS WELL.

The Graham Daily News had the following in last Tuesday's issue:

"W. K. Graves, the well known piano salesman, recently won two prizes for selling more pianos than any other salesman in the contest. He got \$50 as the premium. Mr. Graves rarely fails to convince them that music will be sweet to their ear when he goes after a sale. He is agent for the Steiff Piano Co."

Mr. Graves is evidently a good salesman, but to sell the Steiff piano to a party who wants an instrument of real value and merit, is not such a difficult task after all. Few if any makers of pianos in the United States are better known or stand higher than the Steiff. This fine instrument is advertised in the Clinch Valley News, and has been for years. Read the ad and write the company if you are thinking of buying a piano.

POUNDING MILL NEWS NOTES.

Pounding Mill, Va. Feb. 9.—H. M. Sturgill, of Roanoke, formerly of this town, is here this afternoon shaking hands with his many friends.

J. T. Altizer made a business trip to Bluefield and Richlands Saturday.

Rev. Greear will preach here on next Sunday night.

W. R. Sparks returned to Dante on yesterday, where he holds a position.

Rev. H. T. Foster, of Big Stone Gap, filled his appointment Sunday night in the Church of God.

Mrs. Page, of Richlands, and son, Mr. Charles Johnson, of Nebraska was the guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Thomas.

W. G. Gillespie has resigned his position with W. B. Steele & Co., and John Whitt, of Erwin, Tenn., will take charge.

Malcolm Trayer, little seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Trayer is able to sit up.

R. K. Gillespie will have as his miller at Cedar Bluff Mr. O. O. Berry, of Jonesville. Mr. Berry ran the mill last year and gave satisfaction.

John B. Gillespie spent the week end with home folks.

GERMAN PROPOSAL IN LUSITANIA ACCEPTABLE

Optimism Prevails That Controversy will be Settled Amicably—Berlin Foreign Office is Notified by Bernstorff.

Washington, D. C., Feb.—In substance the tentative communication from Germany, designed to settle the Lusitania case, is acceptable to the United States. High administration officials tonight consider that this government in prevailing upon Germany to make the concessions and agreements, as set forth in the documents, has achieved recognition of all high principles for which it has contended in connection with submarine warfare.

While the substance of the proposed communication admittedly is satisfactory, minor changes to clarify the wording and in connection with the form which the formal document shall take were suggested today by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, by Secretary Lansing.

THE SAINT (AND SINNERS) OF NORTH TAZEWELL.

Worshipped with the saints (and sinners) of North Tazewell, on Sunday morning during the revival which has just closed, and intended these "few remarks" for the last issue of the paper, but upon returning home from services I was seized by the grip, and up to this good hour have felt in no very suitable mood for writing, not even about revivals. I don't wish to be understood as even insinuating for a moment that there was any connection between the services at North Tazewell here referred to and my attack of the grip, or more correctly speaking, the grip's attack of me. Most surely I didn't attack it. I wouldn't have pestered if I had met it in the road but would have sidled off and passed by on the other side.

But the monster slipped up unaware, and struck me a solar plexus when I was east expecting an attack—immediately upon returning from a good warm revival meeting. But, about the meeting: I always enjoy "going to meetin'" at North Tazewell. The folks there always seem glad to see me, and shake hands, and give me cordial invitation to dinner, and of course, they treat every visitor in the same hearty manner. Some churches remind one of a great big cold storage room like they have over at the Packing House across the river. There is a stiffness and coldness in the atmosphere, from the pulpit and choir all the way down amen corner and all, which chills you.

On this occasion the atmosphere was anything else than chilling. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Platt, had been holding a series of meetings for some time, Rev. W. C. Thompson doing the preaching, and the meeting was in full swing. The singing was good—just a little draggy, perhaps, lacking a little snap and life, but it was good. When I went in they were singing that fine suggestive old song, "I want to go There." The sentiment is fine, but I noticed that some of the brethren who joined in were not very enthusiastic.

"I heard a good man say once that he always felt like singing the refrain this way: I want to go there I do, but I don't want to go just now." I heard a preacher say once that he believed there was a great deal of lying done in singing. There are some hymns that freeze—others burn on the lips that attempt to utter them. But, I am wandering away. Rev. Mr. Thompson, as we all know, is the circuit rider on this Tazewell circuit. I believe they call the Methodist preacher "circuit rider" yet, though I am not sure. That's what they used to be, but I seldom hear the designation these days.

They now say, I believe, "preacher in charge of such and such circuit, at any rate, Mr. Thompson has charge of this Tazewell circuit, embracing churches in Burkes Garden, on Clinch, in Thompson Valley and in the Cove. He is an industrious, hard working man and his work is telling. The meeting at North Tazewell resulted I believe in about 80 or more professions. Last Sunday night some 40 odd joined the church. Several of the older members said it was the best meeting they had had for 30 years.

Mr. Thompson's preaching is clear, interesting and convincing. He speaks with an earnestness that holds the attention and forces conviction. He doesn't claim, I believe, to be a "professional" evangelist, yet he has decided evangelistic gifts. His meeting at North Tazewell was devoid of anything of the spectacular of sensational.

On this particular occasion there were a number of the leading citizens, heads of families, of the community, who declared themselves for the better and higher life.

I will not attempt to describe or report the sermon. The subject was, "Material and Worldly Things Can Never Satisfy the Needs of The Soul." Solomon, who had everything on earth that he could think of, that money would buy and power command from the smallest wish to the highest call of ambition and power, said at last "Vanity and Vexation of Spirit."

And still there are some living now who are fools enough to think that if they could have riches they could be satisfied.

They might be, but not because of material possession. As an expression of their appreciation I am informed that the North Tazewell people made up a purse of over \$200 for Mr. Thompson and a nice suit of clothes for Mr. Platt.

REVIVAL AT NORTH TAZEWELL.

The revival at North Tazewell closed last Sunday night. It had been in progress four weeks. The first week prayer meetings were held every night at the church led by the pastor, Rev. Chas. R. Brown and Mr. F. H. Forbes. The next three weeks, Rev. W. C. Thompson preached twice daily. The meetings resulted in more than one hundred conversions and reclamations and an addition to the Methodist church of forty-two members besides some who joined other churches. According to well informed opinion this was the best meeting the community has seen for many years, the genuine good accomplished can not be stated in figures. The house was filled to its capacity nearly every night and the morning services were largely attended. For a part of the time meetings were held in the K. of P. hall for men in the church for women and proved to be very helpful. The meeting was deep in spiritual power and all those who came forward to the altar seemed deeply convinced of sin and to express a determined desire to lead different lives. I may say personally that it was the best revival I have ever attended. The power of God seemed to be present at every service from the beginning and the meeting progressed and ended without the slightest friction or criticism so far as is known. There is every reason to believe that the community was lifted to a high altitude of moral and spiritual life which will be felt in every department of its being.

The people of North Tazewell proved their genuineness of their famed hospitality and Brother Thompson and I fared sumptuously every day and night. The opinion often voiced by others is heartily endorsed by him as well as myself, that no more cordial and warm hearted people can be found anywhere. Last Sunday morning an offering was taken for Brother Thompson by Brother Brown in his inimitable manner and it was handsomely and highly appreciated. A new suit of clothes was also provided for the pastor; "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever" until it wears out.

We were glad to have the presence and help of other pastors of Tazewell and members of other churches.

Brother Thompson deserves the exalted opinion of the people and pastor. He was almost a stranger to us except by reputation but now we all feel that we all know him and we love him for what he is and what he does.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing the services of a man of such exceptional ability as a preacher and evangelist and congratulate the people of Tazewell circuit on having him as their pastor.

We bid him God-speed and wish him well and are confident that the success which has always attended his ministry will increase and become even more powerful.

R. B. PLATT, Jr.

BUSTLE AND STIR.

This is a day of great bustle and stir in all places at all times